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8. [] Received a call from Senator Stuart Symington concerning the status of our negotiations with Senator Baker. Senator Symington's first recommendation was that we send a respectful note to Baker indicating that the request for declassification of documents would be passed to Chairman Stennis. When I advised him of the letter from Sam Dash and Fred Thompson, he recommended that the Director send a letter to Senator Stennis advising him of the letter we had received and asking Senator Stennis to send us a letter if he approved of our complying with the Counsel's approval. Symington felt that a similar letter should be sent to Chairman Ervin asking if the Dash/Thompson letter met with his approval.

With respect to the personal briefing he had requested on the Indian Ocean situation, the Senator suggested that we have [] brief him this afternoon at 2:30. When I learned that [] was out of the city today, I arranged with Kathy Nelson of Symington's staff to brief the Senator at 10:30 on Monday morning (the Senator mentioned in passing that he would be meeting with Admiral Gayler and "your man [] for lunch on Wednesday to discuss the Indian Ocean/Diego Garcia matter).

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9. [] Together with [] met with Robert Lockhart, Assistant Counsel, House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to discuss the status of S. 1688, Ervin bill--invasion of privacy, which recently passed the Senate. Chairman Jerome R. Waldie (D., Cal.) of the subcommittee considering the bill, is opening hearings on the general subject of invasion of privacy to begin 9 April. Further hearings are scheduled for 24 April. They are rather low-key and do not specifically relate to the Ervin bill. Lockhart confirmed information received previously that Waldie's major concern at this time is his campaign to run for governor of California, and that most of his subcommittee staff is in California. Lockhart suggested that the Agency defer sending a letter commenting on S. 1688 until the bill becomes active. He also suggested that, if written, it be addressed to Chairman Thaddeus J. Dulski (D., N. Y.) rather than Waldie.

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